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SUBJECT: MAP AND MASF-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FROM CAMBODIA
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1. WE NOTE IN REFTELS THAT YOU INDICATED TO CHATCHAI, KRIT, AND KRIANGSAK YOUR EXPECTATION THAT THAILAND WOULD GET FIRST CRACK AT CAMBODIAN MAP EQUIPMENT IN THAILAND. POSSIBLE REALLOCATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS CAMBODIAN MAP ITEMS MAKING THEIR WAY TO THIRD COUNTRIES AND MASF EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY FIND ITS WAY OUT OF VIET-NAM, IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION HERE IN WASHINGTON. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF SOME ITEMS TO THE THAI. HOWEVER, UNTIL WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER HOW TRANSFERS TO THAILAND WILL FURTHER US INTERESTS THERE, YOU SHOULD NOT LEAD THE THAI FURTHER TO

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BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT NOW

COMING OUT OF CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM.

2. FYI: UNTIL THE TOTALITY OF AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT IS
KNOWN AND UNTIL SOME DIFFICULT LEGAL QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED,
WE CAN NOT PROCEED WITH REDISTRIBUTION OF MAP OR MASF
EQUIPMENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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